



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 971

A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on September 20, 2006*

H.R. 971 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to reinstate the license for a hydroelectric project (number 11547) in Connecticut. The bill also would extend, through May 20, 2007, the deadlines for commencing construction on that and two other projects in that state (numbers 10822 and 10823). Under the bill, FERC could further extend those deadlines for two consecutive two-year periods.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 971 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The bill would have a minor impact on FERC's workload. Because FERC recovers 100 percent of its costs through user fees, any change in its administrative costs would be fully offset by an equal change in the fees that the commission charges. Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 971 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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